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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/233,218  
Filed: January 20, 1999  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated  
with the Tetrapyrrole Pathway  
Applicants: CAJACOB *et al.*  
Atty. Docket: 16517.231

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16517.231:

\$ 320.00 notice of appeal fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the notice of appeal fee (\$320), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the

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Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.231. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures